

Exhibit No. 54 53Date 3-18-11Amendments to House Bill No. 2 Bill No. 11B2
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Requested by Senator Mary Caferro

For the Senate Finance and Claims Committee

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1. Page B-1.

Following: line 17**Insert:** "a. Foster Care Stipend (Restricted/Biennial/OTO)
355,875 355,875" [federal special fund FY 12 and FY 13]

2. Page B-1.

Following: line 25**Insert:** "Funding for Foster Care Stipend may be used only by the child and family services division to pay stipends to regular foster care families and regular kinship care families of an estimated \$0.75 cents per day in addition to the daily foster care maintenance payment. Child and family services may adjust the stipend amount to reflect the funding of \$355,875 each year of the biennium with the actual number of children placed in regular family foster care and kinship foster care."

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Explanation - This amendment provides federal funding of \$355,875 each year of the biennium to provide a foster care stipend to an estimated 1,300 children each year of the biennium at approximately \$0.75 each day. The division may adjust the amount of the stipend to balance the number of children placed with the amount of funds appropriated.

Funding comes from the TANF Block Grant allowable transfer to foster care benefits.

The stipend is payable on behalf of children who are placed in either regular family foster care or kinship foster care. Families fostering children ages 0 - 12 years receive \$16.54 per day. Families fostering children ages 13 - 18 years receive \$19.91 per day. The stipend would be an addition to these daily rates.